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## **Federal ‘Do Not Call List’ Announced**

(LANSING) – Sen. Cameron S. Brown, R-Fawn River Township, announced today that telemarketing phone calls can now be curbed thanks to a database established by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

“Signing up for the Do-Not-call Registry will make it easier for consumers to stop many unwanted telemarketing calls,” said Sen. Brown. “This has been an important issue since I ran for the House in 1998. I am pleased that measures have been taken that will allow a family to eat their dinner and enjoy their evening without being solicited.”

Residents can link to the registration page by visiting the FTC’s page, [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov), and clicking on the Do Not Call Registry link. In addition, residents will be able to register from their own home phone beginning July 7. Enrollment is free.

In fact, consumer inquiries led the Michigan Legislature to pass a bill to restrict telemarketers and create a Do-Not-Call list late last year. Sen. Brown added that lawmakers recognized a single list would provide both state and federal protection, and required the adoption of a federal list if one was created.

“With the eagerly awaited start of the national Do-Not-Call registry, Michigan consumers can now take steps to block many nuisance phone calls,” said Sen. Brown.

However, Sen. Brown cautioned consumers about a new wave of scams targeting the widespread interest in the Do-Not-Call registry.

“Consumers should know that registration with the Federal Trade Commission is free and cannot be done through private companies,” concluded Sen. Brown.

For more information on how to register for the Do-Not-Call list or how to avoid a Do-Not-Call scam, contact Sen. Brown’s office at (517) 373-5932.